

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A tile, comprising:

a flexible support having a length and a width, the flexible support consisting essentially of a first surface section joined by a second surface section to a third surface section, the flexible support bendable from a planar configuration to an overall orthogonal configuration where that the first surface section is orthogonal to the third section and the bent second surface section forms a quarter-circle arcuate surface;

a first rectangular surface element adhered to and covering the entire first surface section;

plural second rectangular surface elements adhered to and running the length of the second surface section;

a third rectangular surface element adhered to and covering the entire third surface section; and

parallel air volume recesses running the length of the support located between the first surface element ~~section~~ and a first of the second surface elements ~~sections~~, between each of

the second surface elements ~~sections~~, and between a last of the second surface elements ~~sections~~ and the third surface element ~~section~~, wherein,

with the flexible support in the orthogonal configuration, exposed surfaces of the first, second and third section adjoin each other to form a continuous exterior surface,

in the planar configuration, the recesses are each straight rectangular parallelograms,

in the orthogonal configuration, the recesses are each straight sections with a triangular transversal section, and

an entirety of lower surfaces of the first, second and third surface elements bond to the flexible support,

wherein the first, second and third surface elements are selected from the group consisting of ceramic, marble, and natural stone.

9. (currently amended) A tile, comprising:

a flexible support having a length and a width, the flexible support being bent along the width to define, as viewed from an end in transversal section, a horizontal first surface section joined by a bent second surface section to a vertical third surface section so that the first surface section is orthogonal to the third section and the bent second surface section forms a quarter-circle arcuate surface;

a first rectangular surface element adhered to and covering the entire first surface section;

plural second rectangular surface elements adhered to and running the length of the bent second surface section;

a third rectangular surface element adhered to and covering the entire third surface section; and

air volumes running the length of the support located between the first surface element section and a first of the second surface elements sections, between each of the second surface elements sections, and between a last of the second surface elements sections and the third surface element section, wherein,

exposed surfaces of the first, second and third section adjoining each other to form a continuous exterior surface,

wherein the first, second and third surface elements are selected from the group consisting of ceramic, marble, and natural stone.

10. (cancelled).

11. (previously presented) The tile of claim 9, wherein the tile forms a floor-wall skirting.

12. (previously presented) The tile of claim 9, wherein an entirety of lower surfaces of the first, second and third surface elements bond to the flexible support.

13. (previously presented) The tile of claim 12, wherein the first, second and third surface elements bond to the flexible support via glue.

14. (currently amended) A tile, comprising:

a flexible support having a length and a width, the flexible support comprising a first surface section joined by a second surface section to a third surface section, the flexible support bendable from a planar configuration to an overall orthogonal configuration where that the first surface section is orthogonal to the third section and the bent second surface section forms a quarter-circle arcuate surface;

a first rectangular surface element adhered to and covering the entire first surface section;

plural second rectangular surface elements adhered to and running the length of the second surface section;

a third rectangular surface element adhered to and covering the entire third surface section; and

parallel air volume recesses running the length of the support located between the first surface element ~~section~~ and a first of the second surface elements ~~sections~~, between each of the second surface elements ~~sections~~, and between a last of the second surface elements ~~sections~~ and the third surface element ~~section~~, wherein,

with the flexible support in the orthogonal configuration, exposed surfaces of the first, second and third section adjoin each other to form a continuous exterior surface, wherein,

the first, second and third surface elements are selected from the group consisting of ceramic, marble, and natural stone,

an entirety of lower surfaces of the first, second and third surface elements bond to the flexible support

in the planar configuration, the recesses are each straight rectangular parallelograms,

in the orthogonal configuration, the recesses are each straight sections with a triangular transversal section, and

each of the first, second, and third surface elements are straight rectangular parallelograms,

each of the second surface elements are of the same shape and size, and

the first and third surface elements are of a size different from the second surface elements.

15. (cancelled).

16. (previously presented) The tile of claim 14, wherein the tile forms a floor-wall skirting.

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) The tile of claim ~~[[17]]~~ 14, wherein the first, second and third surface elements bond to the flexible support via glue.

19-21. (cancelled)